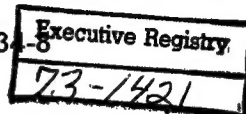




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Mr. Marion Johnson, Chief
Legislative, Judicial, and Fiscal Branch
Civil Affairs Division
National Archives and Records Service
Room 2 E, Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of 16 March we are transmitting to the National Archives for review two boxes of documents relating to the service of the Hon. Allen W. Dulles, formerly Director of this Agency, as a member of the Commission to Report Upon the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (Warren Commission). These documents are part of a larger collection of papers which Mrs. Dulles has requested us to screen preparatory to donating them to Princeton University.

Since we desire to assist Mrs. Dulles in this project we would greatly appreciate the review of the Dulles set of the Warren Commission papers by the National Archives as the official custodian of the Commission records. It is, moreover, our understanding that the arrangement contemplated with Princeton would open the Dulles papers to unrestricted research, subject only to review of the product when publication is planned. It would therefore appear appropriate to retain in the National Archives any Warren Commission papers now held by the Dulles family that are still classified or otherwise privileged and to return to the family the unclassified items, together with those which the Archives certifies to have been declassified.

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Your assistance and advice on this matter will be much appreciated by this Agency and by Mrs. Dulles. For personal reasons the family has requested that we expedite the review. When your screening has been completed we shall be happy to arrange to pick up the documents which you determine to be releasable and to return them to Mrs. Dulles, together with the remainder of the collection, on which we are performing a similar function.

Sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature]

CIA Historian

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